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SUBJ: CIVAIR-CRASH OF LOREAN AIRLINES CARGO CHARTER, TEHRAN

1. ACCORDING TO MR. IZADPANAH, TECHNICAL DIRECTOR OF IRAN CIVIL AVIATION ORGANIZATION, KOREAN AIRLINES CARGO CHARTER FLIGHT KE 5824(BOEING 707) CRASHED INTO MOUNTAINS NORTH OF TEHRAN, KARAJ EXPRESSWAY, NINE AND ONE-HALF MILES FROM MEHRABAD AIRPORT AT 0117 LOCAL ON AUGUST 2, 1976. THE CREW OF FIVE CITIZENS OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA WERE ALL KILLED. THERE WERE NO AMERICANS ON BOARD. THE FLIGHT HAD BEEN DELIVERING ELECTRONICS PARTS TO TEHRAN FROM KOREA.

2. THE PILOT HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO LEAVE THE AIRPORT MAKING A LEFT TURN HEADING TO THE SOUTHEAST, BUT IN FACT MADE A RIGHT TURN OF ABOUT 15 DEGREES INTO THE MOUNTAINS AT THE NORTH. THE AIRCRAFT CRASHED INTO MOUNTAINS AT AN ALTITUDE OF 6500 FEET; HOWEVER, THE PILOT HAD ANNOUNCED A PLANNED CLIMB RATE WHICH SHOULD HAVE HAD THE AIRCRAFT AT 10,000 FEET AT THAT POINT. THE FLIGHT RECORDER(BLACK BOX) WAS RECOVERED BUT WAS NOT IN

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OPERATION. IT APPARENTLY CONTAINED A FULLY USED TAPE ON TAKE-

OFF. THE VOICE RECORDER HAS NOT YET BEEN FOUND ALTHOUGH SEARCH CONTINUES. THREE OF THE ENGINES APPEARED TO BE OPERATING NORMALLY AT THE TIME OF THE CRASH, BUT THE NO 4 ENGINE WAS BROKEN UP SO BADLY THAT IT HAS NOT YET BEEN POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE IF THERE WAS ENGINE FAILURE OR OTHER TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY. MR. IZADPANAH ASSUMES THAT SOME KIND OF TECHNICAL DIFFICULTY FORCED THE PILOT OFF HIS DIRECTED HEADING AND NORMAL RATE OF CLIMB, BUT THUS FAR THERE HAVE BEEN NO INDICATIONS OF THE CAUSE FOUND IN THE WRECKAGE AREA.

3. ROK DIRECTOR OF CIVIL AVIATION HAS ARRIVED IN TEHRAN TO ASSIST IN THE INVESTIGATION AND CAO HAS NOTIFIED BOEING. PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT AN UNIDENTIFIED EYE-WITNESS SAW THE AIRCRAFT BURST INTO FLAMES BEFORE IMPACT.
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